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Florence Man Arrested on Child Pornography Charges

(COLUMBIA, S.C.) South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson announced the arrest of Roger Eugene Hewitt, Jr (DOB: 1975) of Florence, South Carolina on ten (10) charges connected to sexual exploitation of minors. The Darlington County Sheriff's Office, a member of the state's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, made the arrest. Assistance was provided by the Florence County Sheriff's Office, also a member of the state's ICAC Task Force.

Investigators state Hewitt was involved in the sharing of child pornography via file-sharing networks. A search warrant was served and he was arrested on August 19, 2015. Computers and related media were seized for further examination. Hewitt is charged with ten (10) counts of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor second degree (§16-15-405), a felony offense punishable by up to ten (10) years imprisonment for each count.

The case will be prosecuted by the Attorney General's Office.

Attorney General Wilson stressed all defendants are presumed innocent unless and until they are proven guilty in a court of law.